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TOPIC Air Activity Observed Over Tsashevsk

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Until November 1953, small silvery jet aircraft with considerably swept-back wings were observed almost daily while working on the Niva I canal. The aircraft approached over the Niva I power plant near Tsasheyek (67°24'N/32°32'E) coming from the northeast and flying in elements of two from low levels to high altitudes. No flying in larger formations or aerobatics were observed. Once in 1953, a biplane towing an air sleeve was seen in the same air space, but no firing practices were observed. According to local residents, the jet fighters were stationed at the Afrikanda airfield (67°27'N/32°47'E) along the Kandalaksha (67°10'N/32°26'E)-Kirovsk (67°37'N/33°40'E) railroad line.

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2. After the transfer of the workers from the Niva I settlement, located 1 km north of the sluice dam which was about 2 km southwest of Tsasheyek, part of the vacated temporary buildings was allegedly sold to the air force. A fence was erected around the temporary buildings and many truck columns with billeting equipment, clothing, ration supplies, and equipment of all kinds arrived and left there. Drivers, officers, and soldiers observed with these columns wore air force uniforms. Air force recruits were repeatedly quartered there for several days.

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